WHEREAS, The Reserve Officers Training Program provides leadership instruction at three of our State's leading colleges and universities, and at one high school; and,

WHEREAS, Its purpose is to develop selected men and women for positions of responsibility as Officers in the Active Army and Air Force and their Reserve components; and,

WHEREAS, The efficiency and vitality of the Armed Forces depends to a great extent upon the high caliber of young officer accessions, more than half of whom are normally obtained each year through the ROTC Program; and,

WHEREAS, Many civilian executives and government leaders have been ROTC members, among whom are the heads of many of the State's largest business and industrial firms, Members of Congress and Covernors:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, desiring to recognize this program and honor its graduates, do hereby proclaim the week of August 25-29, 1975, as

ROTC WEEK

in the State of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 16th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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